

ABSTRACT

A machine tool installation for laser cutting of sheet workpieces has a workpiece support, an elongated machine frame of generally C-shaped configuration providing an arm extending over the workpiece support, a pair of tracks on the arm and extending longitudinally of the frame. A motion unit is suspended from the tracks and mounted for movement therealong with one end located adjacent the outer side of the workpiece support. The motion unit is movable bidirectionally along the track, and a laser cutting unit is mounted on the motion unit and includes a laser cutting head movable thereon in an axis perpendicular to the arm. The laser cutting unit is moved along the motion unit and is movable to the one end of the motion unit on the outer side of the workpiece support for facile servicing thereof by an operator.